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The bite of a genetically altered spider granted high school student Peter Parker incredible arachnid-like powers. When a burglar killed his beloved Uncle Ben, a grief-stricken Peter vowed to use his amazing abilities to protect his fellow man. He learned the invaluable lesson that with great power there must also come great responsibility.

Now the fledgling super hero tries to balance a full high school curriculum, a night job, a relationship with Mary Jane, and swing time as the misunderstood, web-slinging Spider-Man!



PREVIOUSLY IN ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN:

After a tumultuous year,
Mary Jane and Peter Parker find themselves back together again.

Norman Osborn a.k.a. the Green Goblin escapes from S.H.I.E.L.D. custody and takes Dr. Octopus, Kraven the Hunter, the Vulture, and Electro with him.

Captain America was helping Spider-Man with super hero training when he was called away on an emergency. Spider-Man follows him only to discover that the Ultimates are in the middle of one of the biggest super hero battles of all time. A battle that Spider-Man was specifically told not to be part of.

Spider-Man debates whether or not to defy Captain America's specific order when Mary Jane calls and lets him know that Norman Osborn, the man who knows all of Peter Parker secrets, is alive and has escaped.



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Oy!

What do I do??

The big time Ultimates are in the middle of just about the biggest battle royale that I've ever seen.

And that's about the biggest *mess* I've ever seen.

KRAKA BOOM

You know? That I didn't directly help make.

I-I want to go help. I *should* go help.

But Captain America specifically told me not to.

He specifically told me.

And listen, say what you want about the guy, that guy knows how to throw out a command.

But now I find out that Norman Osborn is *alive*??

And escaped from prison??

Someone's got to do something about *that*!!

I have to go make sure my family and friends are safe!

Ligh, what do I do first??

What do I do??!!







We stay here.

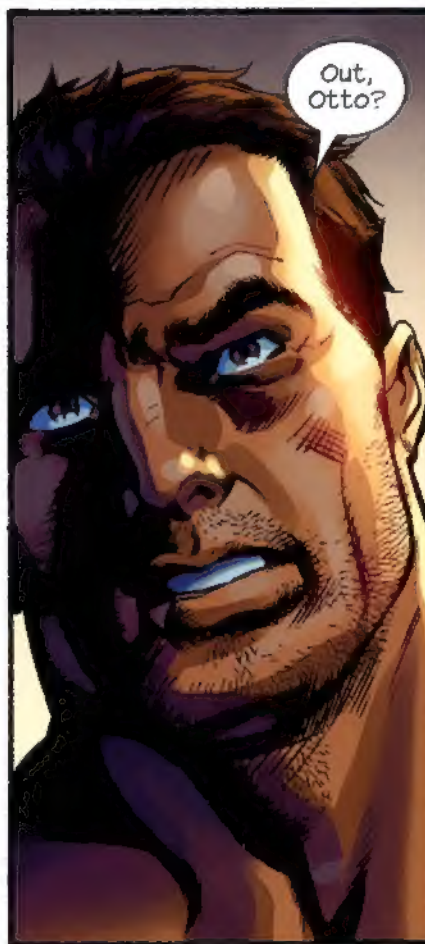
What we need to do is here in New York.

Listen, Osborn, I appreciate everything you've done for me in the past...



And I appreciate you getting me out of prison even though we've had our differences but...

I'm out.



Out, Otto?



I know that look.

You have revenge in your eyes.

You're ready to get everyone.

I'm--I'm just not there. That's not where my head is at.

I want to get back to my work.

Your work?

I'm a scientist, Osborn.

I want-- I just want to be a scientist.

I'm not a career criminal or some bio-terrorist or whatever it is you're trying to accomplish here.



I want to work.

I have seen things since the last time you and I teamed together.

I see things differently now.

I know things I didn't know before.

And, yes, I know I've done things, horrible things.

I know.



I want to leave the country and set up shop with Roxxon or Latveria, or whoever will have me.

Think of the long term, Norman.

This is our lives.

This is it.

You bought us a second chance and I thank you.

But I'm not going to kill anyone anymore.

And I am certainly not going to go after Peter Parker. And, you know, neither should you.

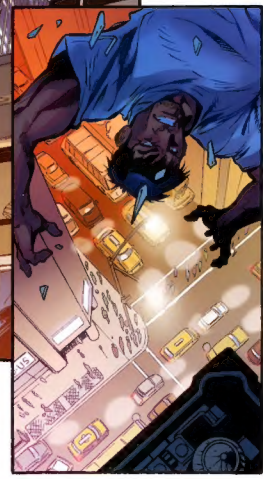


End of the day, if you really think about it, Peter Parker is our greatest achievement.

We birthed Spider-Man into the world.

We did.

We should take insane pride in that and leave it alone.







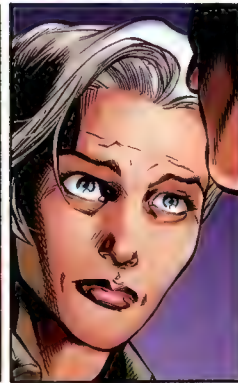
I thought we weren't supposed to use our powers because S.H.I.E.L.D. will figure out where we are...

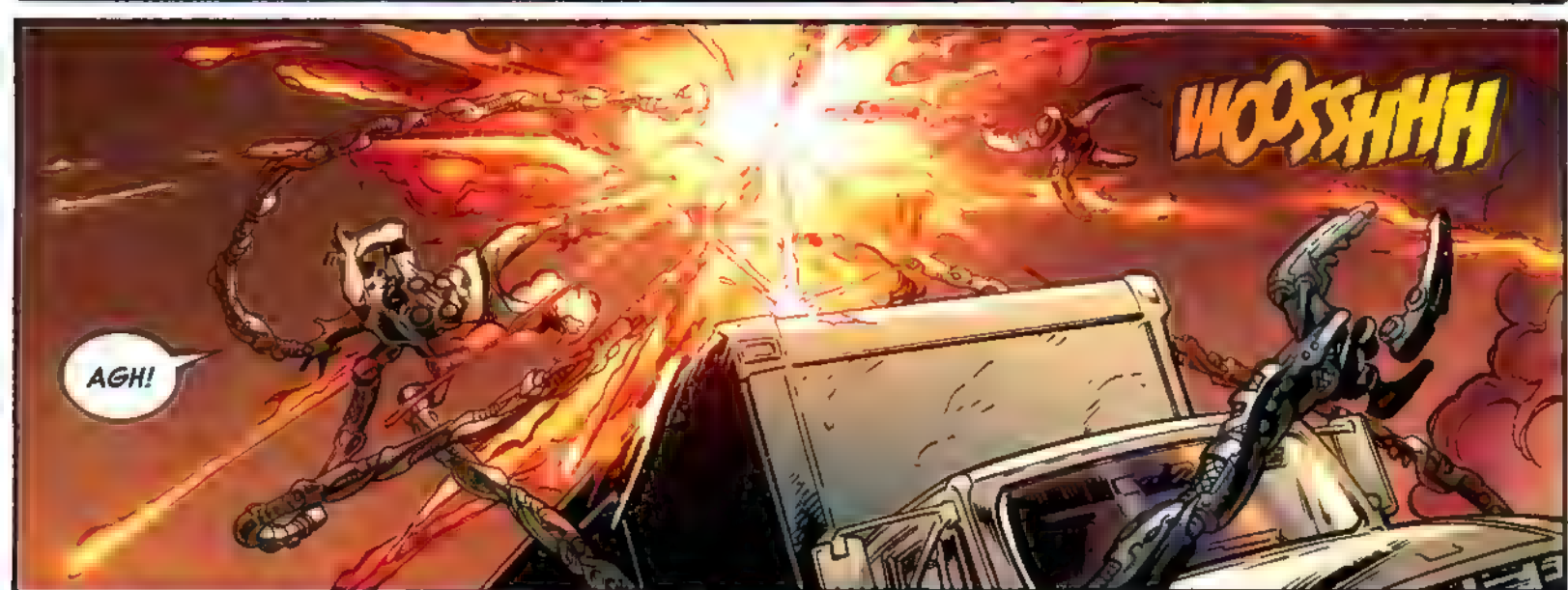
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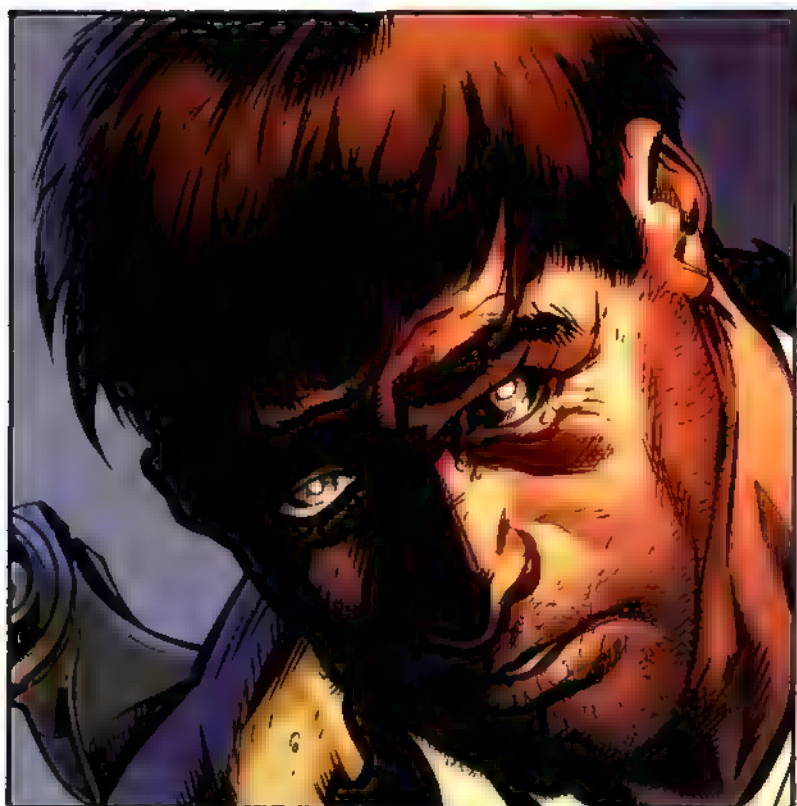
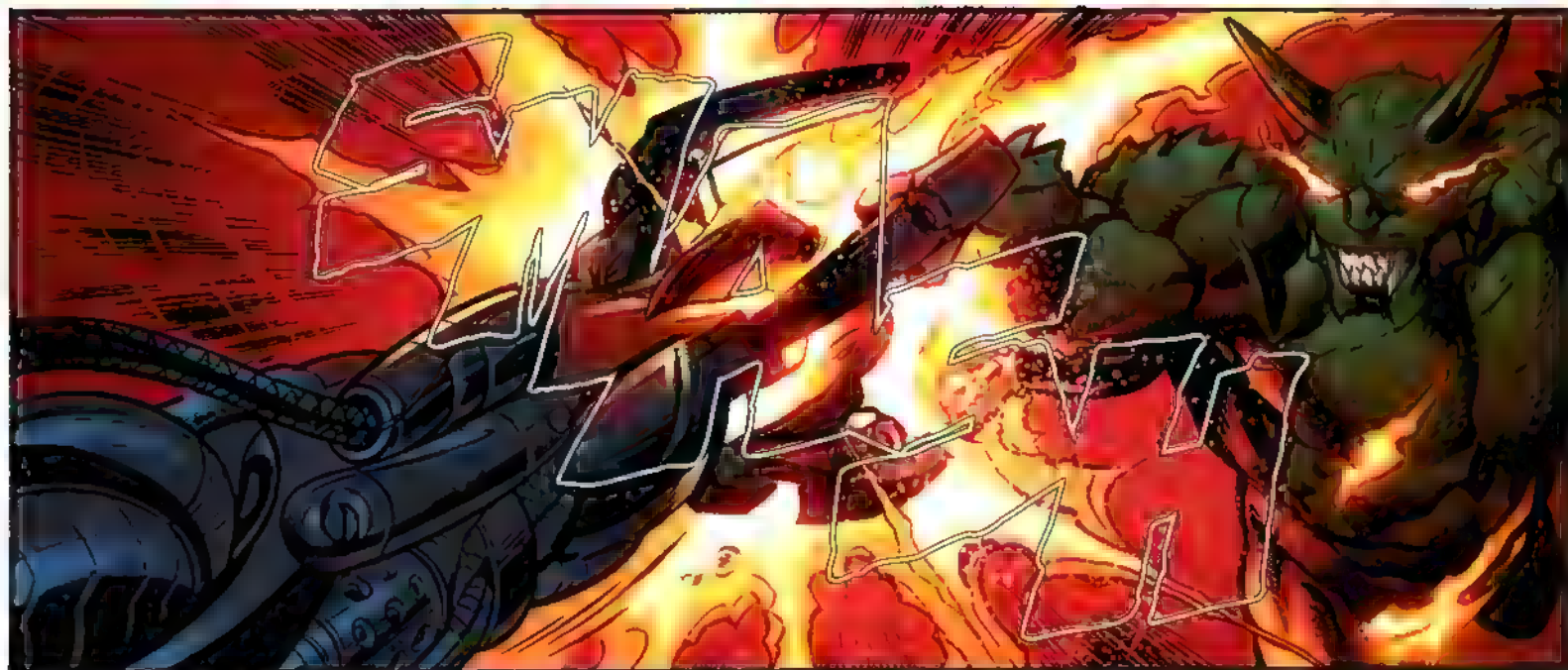
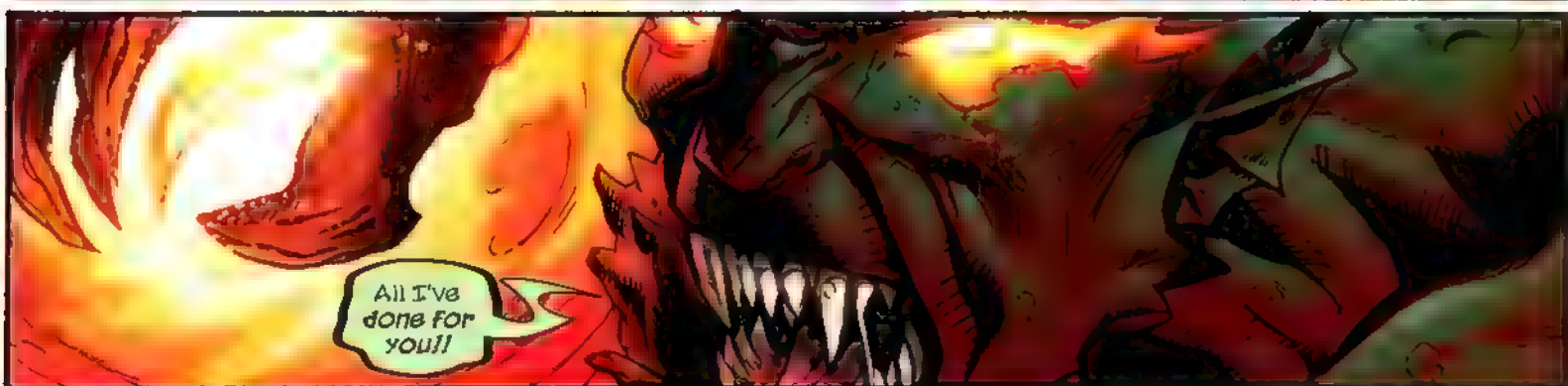
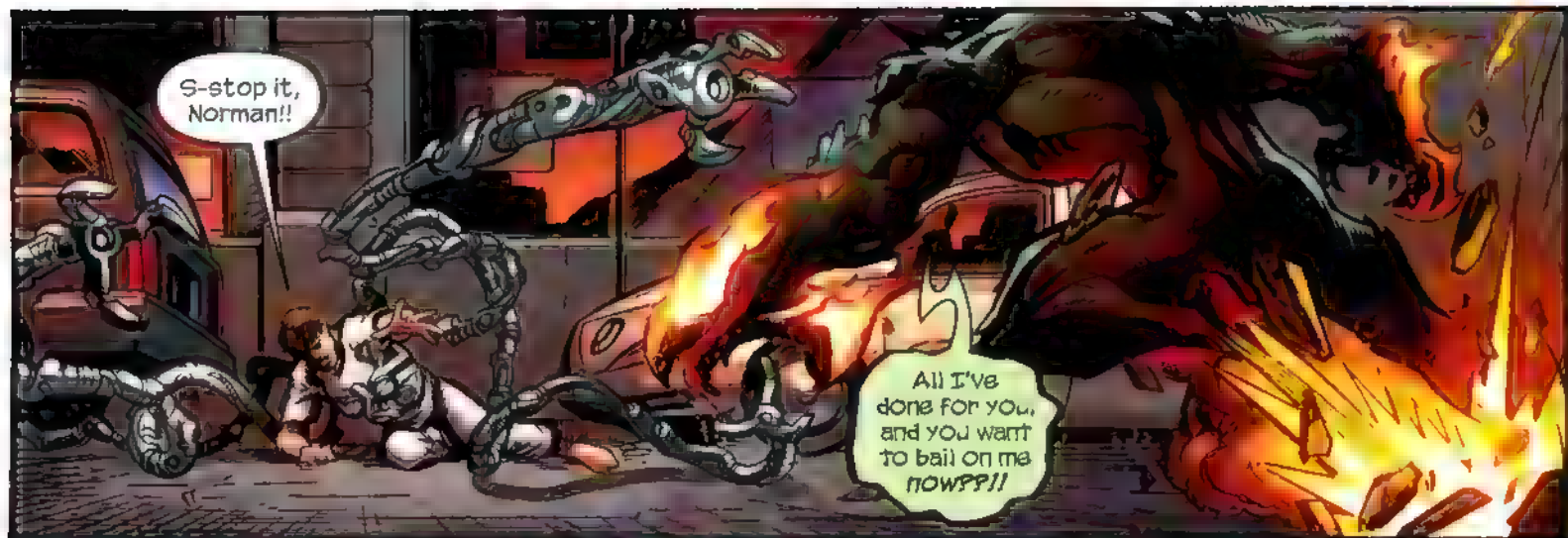
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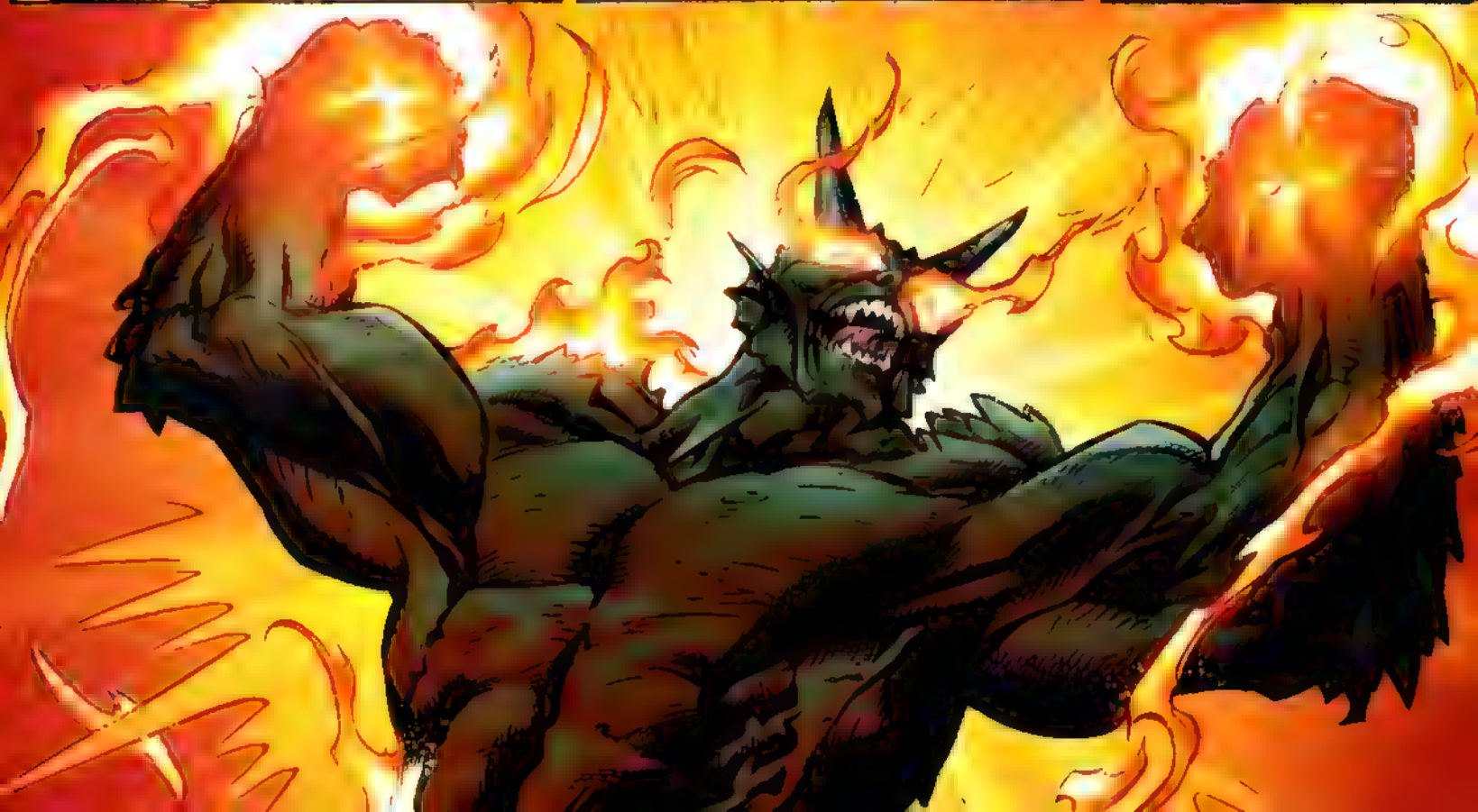


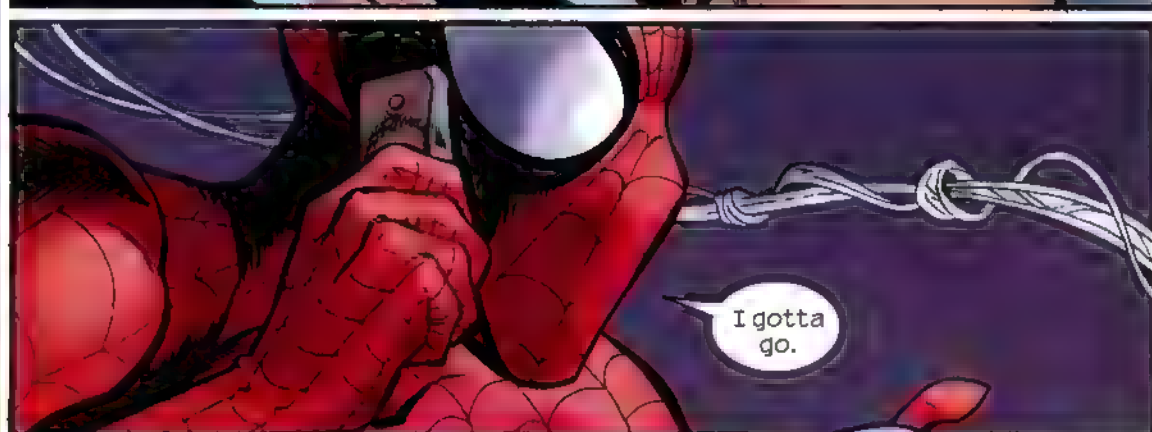
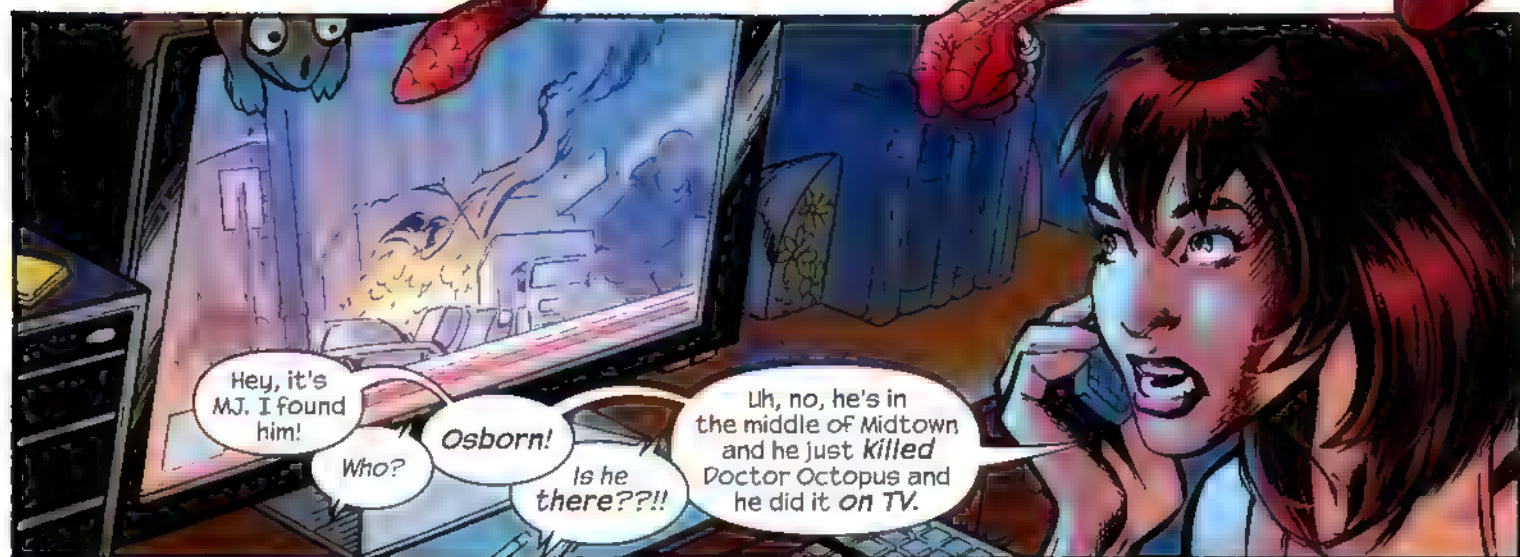
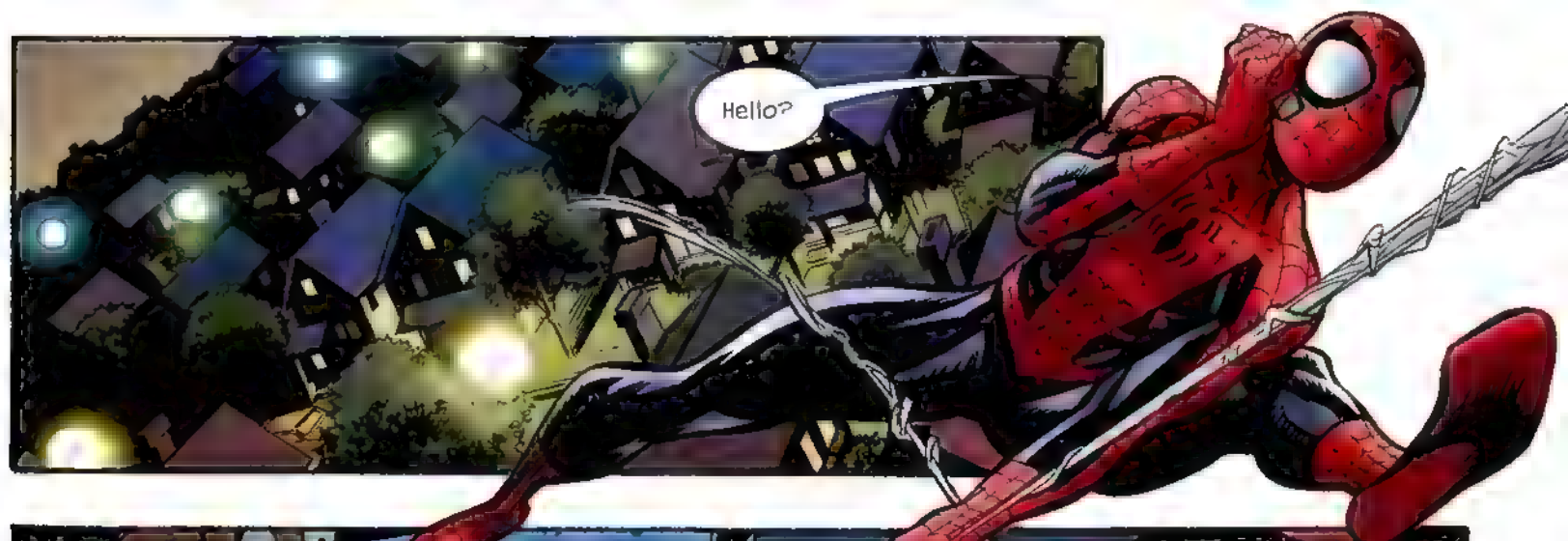


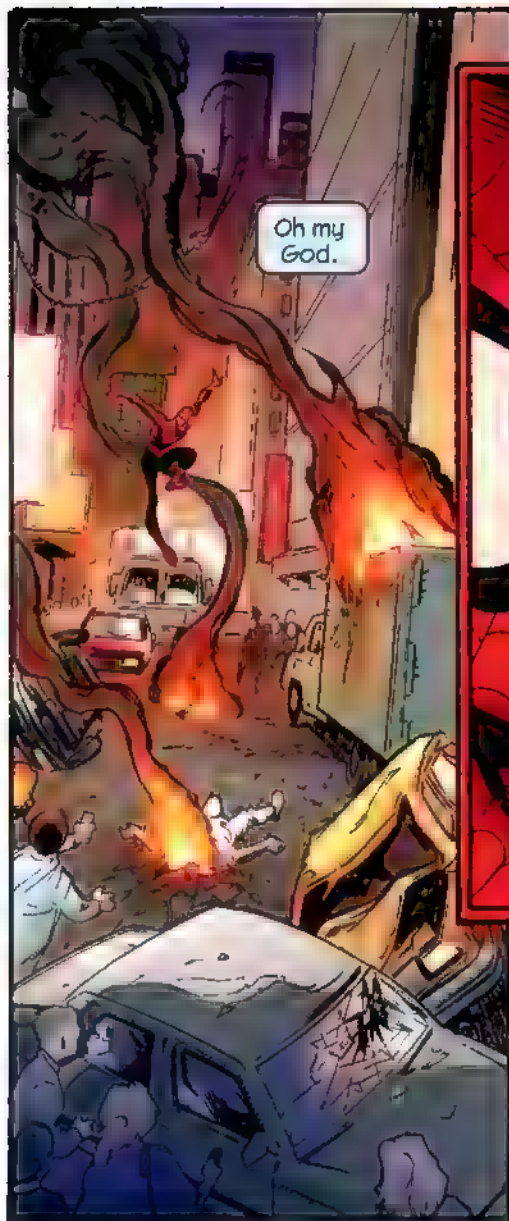












Oh my God.



Oh my God!!



He killed him.

Osborn actually kill--oh God!



Hey you!!

You can't be here!!

Yo, Spider-Man!!

You should've seen it!!

It was like the Hulk or something!!

He went crazy!

Where did he go?

Did you-- did anybody see where he came from??

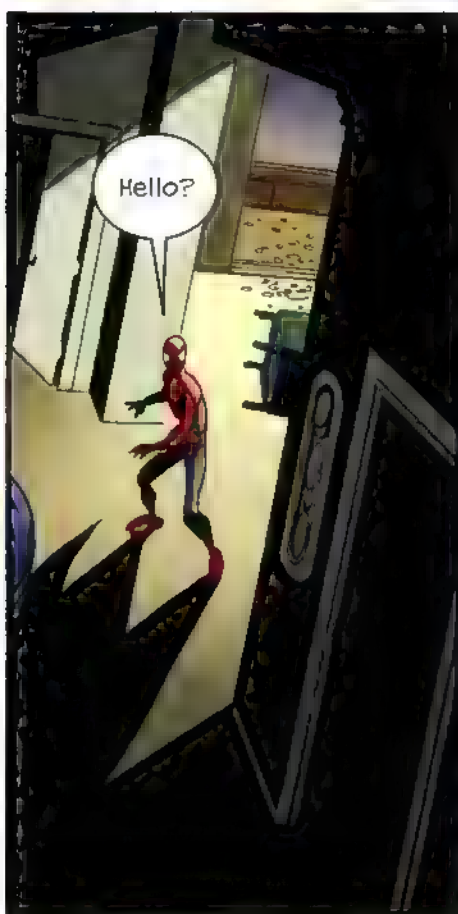




Oh my God,
Norman.

You have to pay
for this. You just
have to!

You're completely
off the deep
end and you--



Hello?

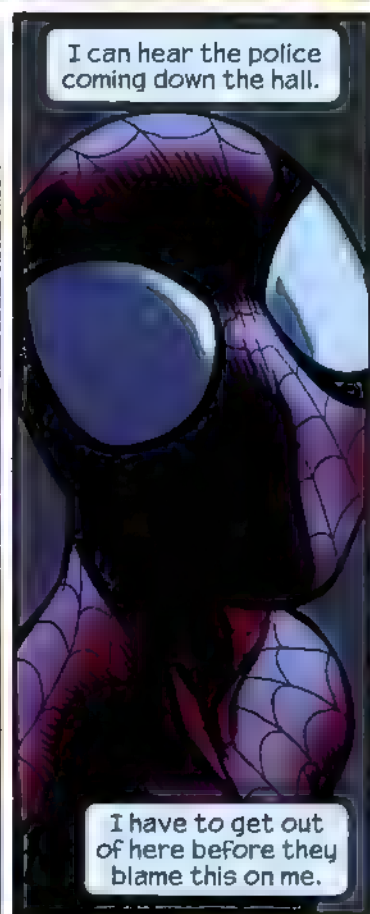


Of course
they left.

They are cuckoo for
cocoa puffs crazy...
not stupid.

Any chance they
just up and left
the planet?

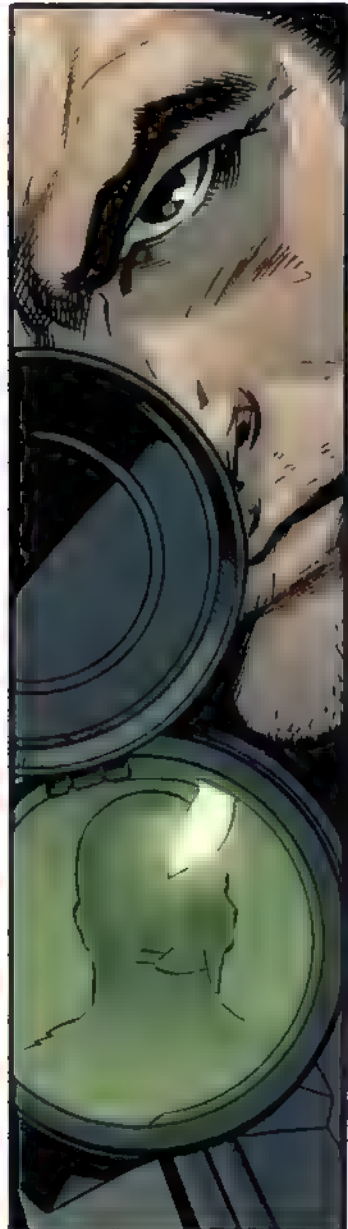
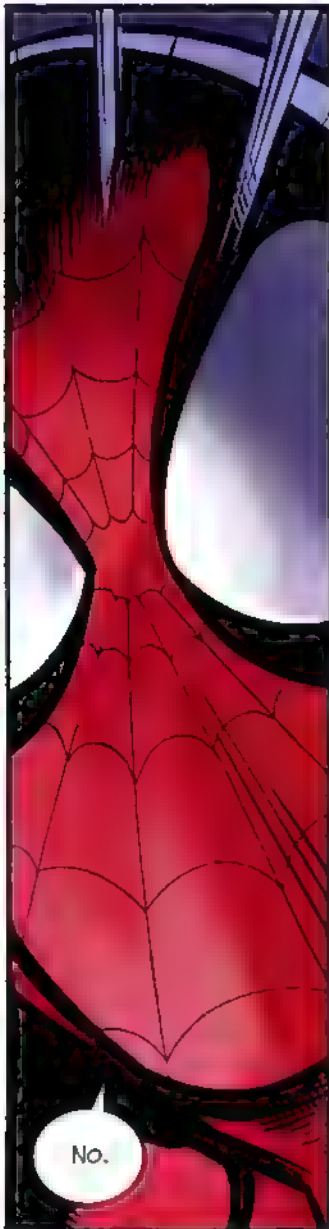
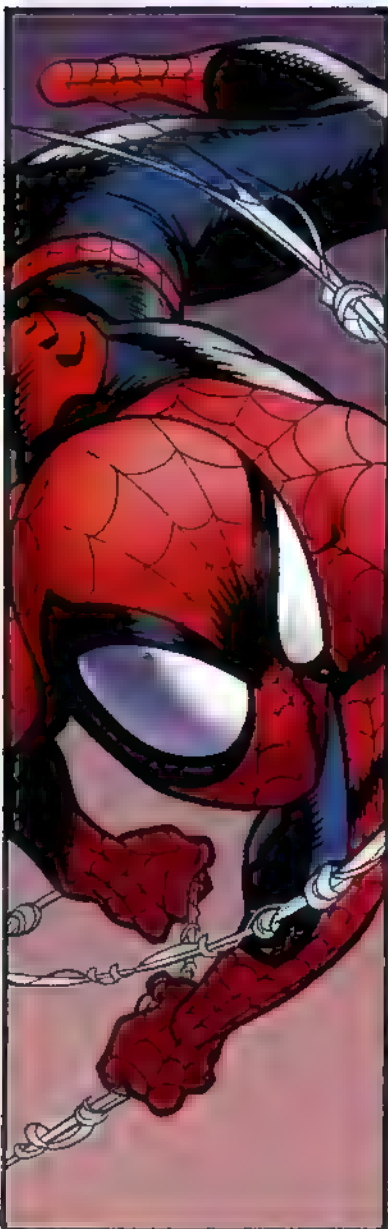
Probably not.



I can hear the police
coming down the hall.

I have to get out
of here before they
blame this on me.









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